

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 20.7
TITLE: ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHIC (EEG) VIDEO MONITORING

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4 (b)(2)(vii), (b)(3)(v), and (c)(2)(iv)

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

95951

III. DESCRIPTION

EEG video monitoring is the simultaneous documentation of the clinical and electroencephalographic manifestations of seizures. With this type of monitoring, the EEG is displayed on a video screen with the face and whole body views of the patient. This technique allows correlation of the electrical and clinical manifestations of a seizure. Patient monitoring areas are usually dedicated recording suites located in hospitals or specialized epilepsy centers. EEG video monitoring is performed on both an inpatient or outpatient basis.

IV. POLICY

A. CHAMPVA benefits are available on an inpatient or outpatient basis for services and supplies provided in connection with EEG video monitoring when provided by a hospital and ordered by a physician for patients:

1. with seizures not able to be diagnosed through standard diagnostic techniques;
2. whose seizures have remained uncontrolled despite a reasonable trial of appropriate antiepileptic drugs;
3. known epileptics resistant to all attempts at medical management being considered for neurosurgical treatment;

4. with intractable seizures requiring evaluation of the effects of treatment;
or

5. with intractable seizures unable to provide by themselves, family or friends an accurate description of the seizure(s).

B. Inpatient claims for EEG video monitoring will be paid based on the reimbursement system in place for the hospital where the services are provided.

C. Outpatient claims for EEG video monitoring will be reimbursed using the prevailing allowable charge procedures.

V. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. The CHAMPVA Center is not required to research their files for previously denied claims for EEG video monitoring services. Previously denied claims brought to the attention of CHAMPVA shall be processed following the above policy.

B. All claims should contain sufficient medical documentation which establishes that standard diagnostic or treatment regimen have proved unsuccessful.

VI. EXCLUSIONS

EEG video monitoring provided by non-hospital based specialized epilepsy centers is not covered.

END OF POLICY